

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:44:28 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 06:12:32 -0600  
Message-Id: <01HLH8S8SNG20016B0@utrcgw.utc.com>  
From: QUACK <MUSCORJ@hsdwl.utc.com>  
Subject: 390As

Sorry to burst your bubble but I bought three for \$600 four years ago-yes they all worked and didn't need a thing-covers,meters,etc. were all there. Made by EAC.

As a matter of fact I swapped a Dentron kilowatt match-box for one of them-go figure. Its who you know...

A member of our Club (the National Radio Club) recently spent \$600+ and bought a re-furbished one from the place in Ohio.

Me, I'll take a Drake R-8 if I'm going to spend that kinda money.

Ron

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 23:06:57 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 21:35:49 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501052122.aa19532@jackatak.theporch.com>  
From: listown@jackatak.theporch.com (List Admin/Owner BoatAnchor Mail List)  
Subject: A tad of Administrivia... sorry

Hi ya'll-

Hope everyone is settling back in after the Holidays, and that Santa was able to lug that firebottle down the chimney for you. I know one person on the list who has a new 'bottle or two! ;^)

As always when school lets out or reconvenes, there are new addresses amongst the missing. We have had a short spate of network failures that threw a ton of postings into a cocked hat during the night last night. Together these have increased my list owner mail to some pretty staggering proportions. (About 1.5MB of error notifications between 23:00CST and 06:00CST this morning...)

I believe we have the situation in hand, and if anyone thinks that they may have missed something critical, I can accept a limited number of digest requests for the last few days. If you are on the Net, Steve, ab4el@cybernetics.net, has a digest posted at SunSite. I do mine by hand, so be reasonable... I have 100% of the postings, though you'll not have to wade through any admin stuff... ;^)

And, a word about admin messages:

PLEASE for everyone's sanity (and ya'll have been really good for the most part) send subscription changes, mail modifications, and unsubscribes to the listprocessor itself and NOT to the boatanchors list... there are actually several better reasons than not ticking a

bunch of people off:

- 1) admin mail sent to the mail list itself will be bounced or swallowed (usually) and when it doesn't, it is sent to this account \*WITHOUT\* any header information except for the Message-Id field, and Houdini couldn't reconstruct a header from just that!
- 2) I have to wade through the error messages looking for things that need fixing. I can not teach reading skills via a keyboard! So, I might well not see an admin request buried in the mish-mash
- 3) you are far more in control of your subscription, when and whether you get mail from the list than ever before. If you try the listproc@theporch.com account with no success, I get a notification. If you continue to have problem, the message sent back to you by the listproc is pretty detailed as to what to do and how to do it... it also suggests you write me at this address if you continue to have problems... to date, I have received only a few requests, and those from people who had moved and could no longer change their subscription.

So, Back To Boatanchors. Problems? Write me here, and be specific about what you did and what happened. I can NOT read minds nor intentions, and will not try to... send me a copy of what you sent and what came back... then if there is a problem I have some information with which to fix it...

The list processor is very much like the radios we all love: "it won't work" is not enough to go on, and may solicit a "is it plugged in?" response ;^) However, a "the bias on the 2nd IF is causing the..." well, you get the picture...

Sorry for the Admin stuff, but I did not want anyone to think nothing was happening, that no one was paying attention, or that the great mail heist of last night went un-noticed.

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73

Jack, W4PPT/Mobile (75M SSB 2-letter WAS #1657/#1789 -- both all mobile! ;^)  
\* - - - BoatAnchor Mailing List Owner - - - \*  
| Jack GF Hill |Voice: (615) 459-2636| Ham Call: W4PPT |  
\* P. O. Box 1685 |Modem: (615) 377-5980| Bicycling and SCUBA Diving \*  
| Brentwood, TN 37024|Fax: (615) 459-0038| Life Member - ARRL |  
\* listown@jackatak.theporch.com-"Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose" \*

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 14:43:05 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 12:12:33 -0600

Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105125459.1726E-100000@access3.digex.net>

From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>

Subject: B&W Coax Switches

The B&W coax switches I ordered from Herbach & Rademan just arrived and they are exactly what I thought they would be. They are in the gray 8-1/2"x3"x1-3/4" boxes with the knob in the middle and 7 BNC's across the top. I'm sure you've seen them.

If you are willing to do a little drilling and soldering, I'm sure that you can replace the BNC's with SO-239's. Nothing complicated here. You can open the box by removing 4 phillips screws.

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:15:04 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 22:10:45 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501041317.A17037-01000000@netcom16>  
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>  
Subject: Re: B&W coax switches UPDATE

On Wed, 4 Jan 1995, Bob Wier wrote:

>  
> Sounds good to me - I also went ahead and called 'em. Can't remember if  
> it's been pointed out here, but they have a \$25 minimum order, so you have  
> to go for 3 - at this point (10AM MST Wed. (mumble - MST whazzat? - the  
> forgotten timezone!)) there were 70 left...

Oh, there's a \$25 minimum order? I didn't know that. I just ordered 3 because I have need for one right now, and one when I get the bench built, and one for the junkbox. I guess I lucked out and didn't even know it.:-) The guy at the liquidation place didn't tell me. I guess he would have if I ordered only 1.

73

Paul WA6OKQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 19:20:19 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 17:49:43 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501051821.A572540293-01000000@wmich.edu>  
From: X90GALBRAIT1@wmich.edu  
Subject: RE: BA prices...

With all the discussion--which has been full of excellent points, there seems to be two 'solutions', depending on whether or not you see the BA commodity craze as a problem.

The first is to simply not buy rigs at 'crazed' prices, ie. a Ranger for \$350 or a 75A4 for \$750. Eventually, the demand will decrease, the prices will begin to lower and the end of the craze will be near. Here, the prices should stabilize to reasonable levels. This seems to be the easier solution in it requires only time and an abstinence from spending--easy for a 22 year old college student like me who has (hopefully) lots of time and few spare bits.

The second, which is more immediately attractive, is to isolate the 'world BA market' from a smaller group--the BA list? In the sub-group there could be agreements on fair prices (according to agreed upon criterion for equipment condition rating) and sales and swaps would be limited within the group. If all members work within the system, everyone would get and give good deals. Of course this idea is highly dependent on the honor system, as if one were to get a rig and resell it outside the group, the 'in-group' supply would dwindle and eventually collapse under forces from outside. Socialist you say? Maybe a little, but more like honorable capitalism--the type that doesn't take the fun out of BAs like \$300 Rangers! I view this idea as an extension of what goes on within groups of OTs already. The analogy is valid, I think, as I've never had the pleasure of so much advice at the hands of so many BA experts as on the 'list'.

As an example, I'd sell my excellent C-line for \$275 if I could find a Ranger for \$125...or sell my HQ-180 for \$140 if I could find a 75A4 for \$275. Any ideas?

73, Chris KA8WFC

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 20:38:51 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 19:09:14 -0600

Message-Id: <m0rQ38c-0005MtC@wx8l.tacom.army.mil>

From: q@wx8l.tacom.army.mil (Sean )

Subject: re: best deal

OK, I cant take it anymore! I have to relay my experience.

It was my first and only (so far) BA deal and it ranks as both the best deal AND the "kick myself" deal.

I've always wanted a 75A-4, so when a local old timer mentioned he wanted to get rid of "that junk" in the garage, I asked what "that junk" was. He told me it was "some old Collins junk" , so I followed him home. He knew I wanted a 75A-4 by this time and told me I could have the one in the garage for "whatever" or I could have all of it for a nice small

2-meter mobile.

I told him it was worth more than that, but he didnt care, just wanted the stuff gone.

Now the bad part. Being blinded by my desire for a 75A-4, I had my buddy coff up the 2meter mobile (an Icom 28H) and let him keep all but the A-4 and matching 270G-3 speaker. (so I did get my A-4 for nothing)  
He walks away with a 75A-2, 32V-3, Elmac AF-67,AF-68, and PMR-7A,and some misc. gonset and heath nic-naks.

And idiot me still needs a transmitter for my A-4.

btw, the Icom was purchased for 250.00 on the way to the deal.

Sean q@wx8l.tacom.army.mil "still lookin for that KWS-1"

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 20:31:32 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 19:02:01 -0600  
Message-Id: <16584@w5ddl.aara.org>  
From: n5off@w5ddl.aara.org  
Subject: Best Price

I acquired a Collins 75A1 with cabinet for

F R E E ! !

Now, suck on that for a while!! :-)

p.s. This net has a wonderful bunch of guys who launch out papers, books, magazines, and small parts for near free.  
Don't overlook this net as a good deal. You know who you are, thanks 10E6.

Tom

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 17:42:32 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 16:10:50 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105165624.12561A-100000@wabash.iac.net>  
From: Bill Strangfeld <bstrang@iac.net>  
Subject: re: best price ever

Last November I saw an ad in a local paper for a 75A4 with speaker, book, and cw and ssb filters for \$150 and was lucky enough to be the first caller.

But that is nothing compared to the story that someone

told me at the Athens, Ohio hamfest last year. He went to a city auction and found some surplus civil defense gear: three 75A4s and a KWS-1. He didn't say how much, but I probably don't really want to know.

de Bill, WB8YUW

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 15:46:41 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 14:13:25 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501052011.AA08314@wrdis01.robins.af.mil>  
From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (Larry Keith )  
Subject: Best Price Ever..

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There must be more.. C'mon.. Let's hear them..

73,

Larry Keith, KQ4BY  
lakeith@robins.af.mil

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 16:22:55 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 14:51:07 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501052049.AA18033@craysea.cray.com>  
From: glitwin@craysea.cray.com (Gary Litwin)  
Subject: Re: Best Price Ever..

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I had the pleasure of buying a working R390A for \$160, including the covers, original meters, 2 full sets of (new!) spare tubes, and the table top metal cabinet, and a service manual!

Not to keep bragging (!), but a guy at a yard sale sold me about 500 old radio tubes, an EICO signal generator, and Capacitance Bridge (magic eye) for 25 bucks! There were 6 unused #47 tubes in the bag, too!

Gary (Mr. Lucky) Litwin

glitwin@craysea.cray.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 16:30:43 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 14:59:54 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501051257.A3664-0100000@netcom12>  
From: "Karl J. Alsheimer" <n3efo@netcom.com>  
Subject: Re: Best Price Ever..

I picked up a Collins 51J-4 from the widow of a Navy Vice Admiral for \$250.00 "New" still in the wooden crate from Collins. It was complete with outer case and speaker. ;-)

On Thu, 5 Jan 1995, Larry Keith wrote:

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> Larry Keith, KQ4BY  
> lakeith@robins.af.mil  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 16:34:10 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 15:02:16 -0600  
Message-Id: <"Macintosh \*/PRMD=MOT/ADMD=MOT/C=US/"@MHS>  
From: Scott\_Johnson-AZAX60@email.sps.mot.com  
Subject: RE>Best Price Ever..

Reply to: RE>Best Price Ever..  
How about ten NIB 8873's for \$25 at a surplus store in Phoenix?

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Date: 1/5/95 1:48 PM

To: Scott Johnson  
>From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil@  
Errors-To: listown@jackatak.theporch.com  
Errors-To: listown@jackatak.theporch.com  
Originator: boatanchors@theporch.com  
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Larry Keith, KQ4BY  
lakeith@robins.af.mil

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 16:36:18 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 15:04:06 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501052129.AA100482@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>  
From: rdkeys@csemail  
Subject: Re: Best Price Ever..

>  
> J-38 Key in box               \$3.00    (at a hamfest, a couple of years ago)  
>  
> Larry Keith, KQ4BY  
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Well, I the travels of my times, amid the dust and grime of real outdoor hamfests and junk surplus houses, I had the good fortune to get:

1. J-38 for 50 cents by looking in the box UNDER the table, one time, about a couple years back. It is rough lookin' as hell, but smooth as greased lightnin' in the action..
2. About 30 BC-348 plugs and shells, new, unused, for a buck each,

again, by looking UNDER the table into a non-descript box.  
(Sorry fellas, they are all used up now, except for one that I  
am hanging onto, just in case.....)

3. A pair of '01A's with ``burned out filaments'' at 50 cents each, that magically resoldered themselves into perfectly fine working condition, and now reside in my favorite 1922 style detector and one step 200 meter receiver.
4. A pair of BC-375 high voltage connectors that were in the bottom of a dusty barrel, in the back of an aircraft junk parts store, for 2 bits each.
5. A box of non-descript tubes for 5 bucks, that when digging into the bottom layer of dust in the box, netted 3 more new '01A's, some type 19's and a string of 32's, 34's, and 76's (fine old style tubes for receivers).
6. Back in the first several months of my novice days, I stumbled upon a surplus place that was not listed anywhere in any of the ham rags, etc., that had a pile of surplus FT-243's out on a concrete floor that was 10 feet across and 3 feet high. At 10 cents each, this newbie novice trucked home about 200 of them that were in the 3300-3500khz and 6600-7000khz range and spent many a night swiping across and around a glass plate with Comet cleanser to move them up into the novice bands, the hard way. Back when novices got to use VFO's and I thought I would never need them again, I let them go for 5 bucks for the whole boxfull. Boy, was I a fool.... (:+{}{}.... cuz da boatanchors luv rocks, now.
7. Back about the 3rd year of my novicedom (yes Mabel, I was a novice for some 7 years cuz I cudn't get dat dern code speed up to snuff.....), I picked up a fine RAL receiver that was the cat's meow for novice CW. It still works FB 22 years later. Grand price of 10 buckeroos, and another 10 buckeroos to get Greydoggie to run it my way.....

There are more, but that is about all I can think of, right now.

The point is that you need to keep yer eyes open, an ear perked up, and not be too chagrined to have to crawl along on yer knees under the tables, stooping and peering into dirty, yuckky ol' boxes o' bilgewater hamdom..... (:+{}{}.....

Oyyyyyyhhhhh! Wat fun....

NA4G

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* 73 TU SU VA DE NA4G          ``Boat Anchor Bob'', an ol' CW fart. *
*****
* Morse has been in the family for over 100 years. *
* Morse radiotelegraphy (Spark/CW) has been in the family since 1914. *
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* May you have fair winds and following seas on your watch at the key. *
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 17:12:41 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 15:33:53 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501052132.AA145405@acs6.acs.ucalgary.ca>  
From: "Deane D. McIntyre" <dmcintyr@acs.ucalgary.ca>  
Subject: Re: Best Price Ever..

A few of my better BA related deals.....

A Echophone EC-1B with original manual for \$2 at a garage sale. Just needed the electrolytic caps replaced and a alignment.

807's, 42's and other good firebottles (used) for 10 cents each at a hamfest.

A Heath SG-8 signal generator (good working order) for \$2 at a garage sale. Seller was a ham.

A General Radio Lab Capacitor bridge (forget model #, had a tuning eye tube to indicate the null) for \$2 (University surplus sale). Good working order.

Last but not least, a "free" Hammerlund HQ110. When I was a student, I had the reputation of being able to fix things electronic or otherwise. Fixed lots of clock radios, stereos, TV's hair driers etc for other students. One day this guy that I knew slightly walked into my dorm room weighed down by said HQ110. Asked me if I could fix it. Apparently his uncle (SK) had been a ham. Said that he used it to listen to the BBC World Service. At that time I did not know very much (well, really nothing) about such BA's but told him I would have a look to see if it was something simple. Problem was no audio. Tested the tubes and checked for anything that was obvious-no joy. Contacted the guy, said he would be over to pick it up. He did not appear, afterward I ran into him on campus 3-4 times over a period of several months. Each time he said he would drop by to pick it up. In the end he never did. Later heard that he had moved away. A couple of years (and a move) later I dragged the receiver out of the closet- by this time I knew more about BA's, and was able to get it running again. This was about

12 years ago, still have the HQ110 but have no idea as to the whereabouts of its rightful owner.

Lets hear other stories about "interesting" BA acquisitions.....

73, Deane D McIntyre VE6BP0  
dmcintyr@acs.ucalgary.ca

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 17:49:48 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 16:18:55 -0600  
Message-Id: <199501052217.RAA08434@altair.cs.unc.edu>  
From: Nick England <nick@cs.unc.edu>  
Subject: Re: Best Price Ever..

Best deal-

Walked up to a fellow unpacking his car at 0\_dark:30 one morning.  
I asked him what he wanted for his NC-303 plus speaker plus manual -  
He said "How about \$10?" and I didn't even try to talk him down.  
Since then I've been a believer in the "early bird" theory.

I later traded it for a Heath Chippewa linear in a restaurant parking lot just off I-95 to a guy headed from Florida to NY. The waitresses must have called the sheriff because a deputy came to check out the action - he'd probably never seen a deal quite like that going down.

Best find (for a good but not great price) was after a guy came up to me at the end of a hamfest and said he heard I was looking for Johnson gear and did I want to take a look in back of his shop. I had to borrow a truck to take home a Desk Kilowatt, Valiant, Ranger, 75A-4, 75A-2, R-390, NC-183, and S-38 (how'd that get in there?).

Things probably balance out overall though - I certainly have some gear I paid too much for in the heat of boatanchor passion.

Nick KD4CPL (ex-KN4NYW)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 18:38:46 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 17:08:26 -0600  
Message-Id: <1002@ki5sl.ampr.org>  
From: ki5sl@ki5sl.ampr.org (Rick\_Blank)  
Subject: Re: Best Price Ever..

In message <9501052011.AA08314@wrdis01.robins.af.mil>  
lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil writes:  
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I bought a Davco DR-30 for \$10 that worked and looked excellent+...

2-Complete Drake C-lines and a TR-4C for \$100.....

An absolutely mint (really! inside and out!) NC-183D and matching speaker for \$50...I did have to replace the power supply capacitor and the rectifier tube...the guy who I got it from had it given to him and he owed me \$50 bucks on a printer he had bought from me...

About a year and a half ago I sold a very, very nice 75-A2 for \$150...a year ago I sold a National NCX-500 that was really nice for \$125...last August I sold a near mint and working HyGain GT-550 with power supply and 444 mike for \$125....

So, I guess that I can also give decent deals too, it's all part of the game for me!

Rick Blank, KI5SL  
ki5sl@sat.ampr.org  
2223 Blanco Road  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 19:16:23 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 17:45:12 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105183523.25534C-1000000@access4.digex.net>  
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
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To: Gary (Mr. Lucky) Litwin

From: Tony (I always pay top dollar) Stalls

Subject: Green With Envy

There was a colleague of mine who hit the Pennsylvania Lottery for \$14,000,000 a few years ago, but he's the only one I believe I've ever known who has been almost as lucky as you. ;-)

(BTW, have you ever considered playing the lottery?)

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 19:35:42 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 18:05:52 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105185816.25534E-1000000@access4.digex.net>  
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
Subject: Re: Best Price Ever..

On Thu, 5 Jan 1995, Rick\_Blank wrote:

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Gee Rick... Those things take up a lot of room and I'm sure it gets in  
your way all the time. Tell you what, I'll give you your \$150 back and  
I'll even come and get it. It will fit in my '84 Honda Accord won't it?

(What a nice guy I am to offer to help you out like that!!!) ;-)

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Jan 6 00:19:34 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 22:50:51 -0600  
Message-Id: <m0rQ24E-0007PGC@beacons.cts.com>  
From: Kevin Sanders <kevin@beacons.cts.com>  
Subject: Re: Best Price Ever..

The best deal I ever got was a working, excellent cosmetic condition  
SP-600 in a handmade teakwood cabinet for \$100. And it was being  
advertised on the Ham Radio Outlet bulletin board for a month with  
no takers before I found it!

Kevin KN6FQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 18:09:28 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 16:39:21 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501051401.A12076-01000000@netcom4>  
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>  
Subject: Best Price Ever?

Hi sports fans,

The stories I've read so far are hard to beat. But y'all know that I  
have a hard time keeping my mouth shut, so here is my entry. I was  
driving through Oakland (the arc of the lost raiders) several years ago  
when I saw a sign that advertised locker contents for sale. I go into  
this large warehouse and start rummaging around. The guy who owned this  
place bought u-store locker contents at auction. Anyway, I come upon  
this Heathkit Warrior Linear. I look at it, fuss around a little bit,  
and ask the guy what he wants for it. He says that he doesn't know what  
it is worth, and I point out that it has tubes in it --bad sign -- most  
new stuff has transistors. He says give me \$25, and I say "deal".

Anyway, I would say that it is in good shape, a little grunge, but clean, and IT WORKS. I've been using it for the last 6 years or so until I got a shack with 220 for my QRP -10 rig.

End of story

Paul WA6OKQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 23:50:10 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 22:15:04 -0600

Message-Id: <199501060412.UAA18068@ix.ix.netcom.com>

From: jlockwd@ix.netcom.com (Jim Lockwood)

Subject: Best Prices ever?

I feel like I've been fortunate in some of my acquisitions:

In no particular order:

SX-62A	\$65	
SX-115	\$45	(no case, though, and 15m was dead)
SR-46	\$2	
DX-100B	\$5	(required \$6 worth of paint on the cabinet)
Seneca	\$15	(required **lots** of work)
Clegg Thor 6	\$0	(Well, I had to buy a \$20 hallicrafters speaker and the guy threw in the little Thor)
Galaxy V	\$20	(And then \$20 for a manual and ~\$20 for tubes and parts to get it working)
SX-42 (2)	\$0	(Supposedly there is enough here to make one working radio....don't know yet)

These, however, are exceptions. I feel like I've paid market price on most of the items I've bought and too much for some. But of course no one enjoys telling about the time she/he paid too much so you never hear those stories.

73,

Jim - km6nk

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 20:28:04 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 18:58:40 -0600

Message-Id: <199501060057.SAA24510@theporch.theporch.com>

From: Stephen Modena <shimshon@theporch.com>

Subject: BOATANCHORS-WWW

There is now World Wide Web (WWW) access to the BOATANCHORS archive. Point your WWW client, such as Lynx (textual-mode) or Mosaic (GUI-mode):

<http://www.thePorch.com>

Choose "AB4EL", which will lead to this screen:

AB4EL HOMEPAGE ON THEPORCH(TM)

An experimental Web access to ham radio items courtesy of ThePorch.com

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* QRP-L archives at SunSITE  
* BOATANCHORS archives at SunSITE  
* Callsign database at Buffalo  
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* Who is--and How to contact--AB4EL  
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73/Steve/AB4EL shimshon@thePorch.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:52:25 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 06:20:26 -0600

Message-Id: <n1422843204.41006@cpqm.saic.com>

From: "Bob Scott" <Bob\_Scott@cpqm.saic.com>

Subject: Re: COND, R388, DRAKE, RUBE

Mark,

Something in your last post caught my eye. When I first got into Ham Radio in the 60's about all I could afford on my paper route was KnightKits. I started out with an Oceanhopper and then moved all the way up to a Star Roamer. I then got a T-150A and made a lot of contacts with that pair. I finally was able to buy the R-100A. I still have all of them, but have not turned them on in years. The back room of my basement is being turned into a ham shack so that I can dig out all this stuff and play with it. The Oceanhopper needs some work. While it was being stored at home in Erie it lost some coils and the front tuning knob, so I am always trying to find one at hamfests. I remember the excitement of those days, listening to hams and shortwave stations. I have fond memories of building KnightKits. All the wires were precut which I learned later could be a problem. My R-100A was somewhat unstable until one day I re-did all the under chassis wiring. I installed new wires and tried to run them close to the chassis walls and neaten it up some. Not only looked better, but became much more stable. Also got the Q-multiplier working properly. Found a wire in the wrong place. Since it had been my first real 'ham' receiver, I did not really know how a Q-multiplier was supposed to work. I do now!

As a novice I sometimes used to turn off all the lights and operate in the soft glow of the tubes and panel lights. Soon, I will be able to do that again. Sorry to ramble, but those were fond days when radio was magical to me. Wish I could re-experience that feeling. Well, enough rambling.

73, Bob AC4QO Bob\_Scott@cpqm.saic.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:05:35 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 05:32:58 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501042225.A6436-0100000@cyclone>  
From: Mark Shaum <mshaum@xnet.com>  
Subject: Re: COND, R388, DRAKE, RUBES

Regarding the HQ129X, Andy replies:

>  
> I am not sure, Mark. I think one version had an S-meter with the  
> case outside the radio cabinet - I think it was round, too. Mine, and  
> I'm not sure of the age, has the narrow upside-down-smilie with the  
> yellow meter dial showing underneath. (Calibrated 1-9, too!) The dial  
> escutcheon covers it, and the Ant Trim control is mounted beneath the  
> meter, on the escutcheon.

>  
Mine is the same. One difference among 129X's I've observed, now that I was able to observe one belonging to Matt, N9JXR when I stopped by his place to pick up a T-150A (Finally a mate to my near-mint R100A!) was that on his front panel the word 'Hammarlund' and the 'HQ-129-X' model designation were in red paint, with the rest of the lettering and markings in white upon the grey panel. Actually I believe that the red is the primer coat under the grey. At any rate, my front panel is all white on grey. Details, details <grin>.

> I still haven't checked it out. I should tackle the fizzling IF  
> can in the HQ-170 first!

>  
Have you taken the can apart yet to see if it's repairable? I had the rather nasty experience with my 129X of having it go dead during alignment while twisting an if can slug screw. The coil was rotating along with my diddlestick and twisted a lead off. I was able to dig into the wax to free up enough lead to scrape and solder a leader to, so it wasn't a total disaster. The 129X if cans are much larger and easier to work on than the little half or 3/4 inch square jobs in the 170, though.

>  
> I wish I had written down the model number of the RME that went  
> up for sale at the Billerica (MA) 1200 Club Radio auction this year.  
> 4350? It looked like a late-50s early-60s style. Impressive. Clean, went

> for \$125 I think. I almost bid on it, but oh....then I'd just want EVERY  
> OTHER RME!!! <grin>  
>

Yep, that was the unit that followed the 4300. I would guess that it had  
a built-in product detector rather than the outboard arrangement.

Gads.. 200 BA messages in my inbox. Fido was never like this <grin>.

73! Mark, NE9G

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 17:23:28 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 15:47:27 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501050047.AA11951@kali>  
From: wallace@jericho.mc.com (Andy Wallace)  
Subject: Drake 2-B q-mult hum

This should be an easy one. (Another winter project to get around to!)

My Drake 2-B receiver works great...sounds great, especially on CW. However,  
when I use the 2-BQ Q-multiplier, there's a hum on the CW note or the  
notch. It doesn't matter what Q-mult I use; the 2-AQ does it, too; so the  
problem is somewhere in the 2-B path. I've swapped the tubes inline with the  
mult, no difference. Any ideas? First thing I was going to check was for  
hum (somehow) in the filament line for the Q-mult. But I don't think it would  
be JUST in the Q-mult...

Anyone debugged a problem just like this one?  
--Andy

P.S. -- sorry to dump my revised Drake list to the general populace.  
Forgive me; a 75A-4 fell on my head when I was a child. :-)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 18:36:01 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 17:06:04 -0600  
Message-Id: <MAILQUEUE-101.950105170144.288@vilas.uwex.edu>  
From: "Terry O'Laughlin" <OLAUGHLIN@vilas.uwex.edu>  
Subject: favorite best deal

A mint complete R-388, only slightly out of calibration for \$70. The  
guy was walking around a fest with a 3X5 card stuck in his hatband  
that said "military receiver, best offer." It's always worth asking.

73s Terry O' WB9GVB

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 19:47:50 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 18:11:55 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105190720.25534F-1000000@access4.digex.net>

From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
Subject: Re: favorite best deal

You guys are depressing me.

OK, I got a 1950 vintage Vibroplex Original Standard bug at a gun show for \$15 in 1989.

So there!

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 21:37:24 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 20:05:56 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.05.9501052007.C7461-a1000000@booz.bah.com>  
From: k1zat@bah.com  
Subject: Re: favorite best deal

On Thu, 5 Jan 1995, Tony Stalls wrote:

> You guys are depressing me.

Yea me too..

> OK, I got a 1950 vintage Vibroplex Original Standard bug at a gun show for  
> \$15 in 1989.

I got a Vibroplex Bug, s/n 117955, at a yard sale in San Antonio in 1976 -- for a buck and a quarter. One of the BA'ers who collects bugs tells me that it was made in the late 30's.

Then there is the Virboplex keyer paddle, s/n 240589, that an AF frequency manager had and never used. He was retiring and didnt want to move it again -- free.

> So there!

sigggghhh ..

jd

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Jan 6 00:45:44 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 23:11:37 -0600

Message-Id: <9501052303.aa19860@jackatak.theporch.com>  
From: firebot1@jackatak.theporch.com (Fire Bottle archive handler)  
Subject: Re: favorite best deal

> Tony Stalls wrote:  
> > You guys are depressing me.  
And JD chimes in:  
> Yea me too..

Well, NOT me! I am enjoying this like you wouldn't believe... Thanks for the yarns, guys... this is the currency that pays me to be the shoveler at the manure end of the heap for this list! ;^)

And, since so many on the list are relatively young (Tony, me, and SnapRoll are the exceptions! ;^) and so new to the hobby, I gotta share a few with you...

First, when I got active again after college, a divorce and remarriage (to N4AFG... this time, I learned! ;^) I was friendly with a super nice bunch in Maine. George, W1MFJ (SK) ran a communications place that at one time was called "The DownEast Ham Shack"... when he moved across the river (Androscoggin) to Auburn, he called me and said come take whatever I wanted... if I didn't take it, it was in a dumpster.

George knew I was partial to firebottles (this was early 70s) and climbed towers and built things for chaps whose legs would no longer run up the Rohn or whose hands weren't steady enough to adjust the B+ and his generosity was amazing. I called a family of new hams (two boys then 12 and 14, now mid thirties, and their Dad, now retired to Florida) that I had elmered, and we picked up NIB tubes by the boxload, chassis from older "NER" (Not Economical to Repair) receivers and xmitters... experimental rigs, some of George's early ham gear from the 30s... several truckfulls. I have built more novice transmitters and receivers from that stash than I can count... my Junque Boxe literally overflowed (and so did the garage! ;^)

When we took a bunch of it to The HossTrader's Flea at Deerfield, I offered George a share... hell, it was his stuff. He laughed and said if I really wanted to give the money away, to give it to the local radio club, so W1NPP and the Androscoggin Amateur Radio Club got a needed jump start, and I \*still\* had a ton to move south.

Then, I ran into Chuckie, W1KJ (SK). Chuckie was the original holder of 1KJ, and wrote a column for the Old Timer's rag back in the late 50s and early 60s. He wrote the obit for W10J, a real interesting chap, whose call now belongs to Roger, a friend from the North. Anyway, I needed a 6-foot rack for reasons I can no longer recall. Chuckie put one on the HossTrader's [for those in the East, K1RQG (Joe) of

Bucksport ME, and Normal? Norm, WA1IVB, once from Cornish ME, run the HossTrader's Net ever Sunday at 4:00PM Eastern Prevailing Time from October to May... used to be on 3.940+/- QRM] and we struck a deal: \$15 for the cabinet and whatever was in it... helluva deal, thought I.

What was in it was a wondrous homebrewed AM station: transmitter, receiver, and "stuff" all hand-crafted by Chuckie 40 or 50 years before! Here was a pioneer "selling" me his wagon for next to NOTHING! He "found" a van-load of additional gear to throw in the deal. I think Chuckie and his bride of a lifetime were moving South and he was getting realistic and I was a better dump than a commercial scavenging outfit... My wife grew concerned that we might not have room for the kids, and never batted an eye when I suggested we could always drive back and get them (300 miles round-trip! ;^) The kids fit in as well, so no extra miles, but it was a tight squeeze.... ;^)

All told, 20-plus years ago I collected several TONS of prime stuff for a total of \$15... I still can't remember what I kept and what is gone. I get a quick rush when I hear someone ask about a mystery thingie... "Hey, I've got one of those....!" And off I go, usually unsuccessful in my search. Musta sold/given that away...

And now, for some semi-unfinished business: The 608-D was NOT part of the treasure trove, nor were the NIB 6146Bs or the 3-1000Z, socket, rectifier replacements, or transformer... If they were, some UPS guy would have a hernia and truss, and not my friend in East Central Florida! ;^)

73 ES TNX FER JOB DOWN MEMORY LANE... BEST EXERCISE IN WEEKS! ;^)

Jack, W4PPT/M (75M SSB 2-letter WAS #1657/#1789 -- both from the mobile! ;^)

Fire Bottle Server (Boat Anchors Get Out and Keep You Warm!)

firebot1@jackatak.theporch.com

Where Old Radios and Fun ... GO TOGETHER!

+-----human interface: root@jackatak.theporch.com-----+

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:09:53 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 05:33:49 -0600

Message-Id: <2F0BC580@admin.ClemsonSC.ATTGIS.COM>

From: "Skelton, Tom" <TSkelton@engineer.ClemsonSC.ATTGIS.COM>

Subject: FW: A Case For CW

Hugh Stegman writes:

>We need CW to keep some romance in this place, just like we need old trains

>and pipe organs.

Yes, we do.

And sailboats, and cameras that use film, and . . .

(But, I like CW best.)

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73 de Bob, K0KR

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And Christmases with parents and grandparents, home gardens (no matter how small), pencil/crayons/paper, real sugar, homebrew antennas, etc.....

I like homebrew antennas best...no "take it out of the box, bolt it together at pre-set positions, and put it up"...

73 and Happy New Year gang....Tom WB4iUX

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:04:17 1995

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 22:39:38 -0600

Message-Id: <CCMAIL.0093373.163558110095004FCCMAIL@EMIS.HAC.COM>

From: "James C Reid" <0093373@CCMAIL.EMIS.HAC.COM>

Subject: Heat-seeking Stereo 70's?

Gang,

This came over our corporate news service. Does this mean my Stereo 70 can track and lock onto ICBM's?

-Jim

DYNACO WINS TOMAHAWK  
CONTRACTS FROM HUGHES

Dynaco, a subsidiary of Palomar Medical Technologies, has been awarded multi-year contracts on the Tomahawk missile program from Hughes. The value of the initial award is \$900,000 for the first two years. Total contract value over the life of the program could reach several million dollars, Dynaco announced. Dynaco, headquartered in Tempe, Ariz., manufactures high-density electronic circuitry. (Business Wire)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 11:16:43 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 09:39:47 -0600

Message-Id: <199501051537.HAA12427@netcom16.netcom.com>  
From: rmccarty@netcom.com (roger mccarty)  
Subject: Help Pls\_HQ170A\_Align

Would some one be so kind as to pass along their experiences in aligning a Hammarlund HQ170A to me?

I aligned it, thought it was working great! untill I tried 20 M and below. Actually, the band is insignificant, sideband selection seems to be non-operational or mariginally operational.

What I hear is that there is very little opposite sideband rejection and on USB, most of the signal strength is in the wrong sideband.

I wonder if someone might be able to point out what I may have done wrong and offer their suggestions or hints and kinks experiences?

Thanks in advance,

Roger

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 12:16:47 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 10:43:30 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501051706.AA102602@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>  
From: rdkeys@csemail  
Subject: Re: Help Pls\_HQ170A\_Align

>  
> Would some one be so kind as to pass along their experiences in aligning  
> a Hammarlund HQ170A to me?  
>  
> I aligned it, thought it was working great! untill I tried 20 M and  
> below. Actually, the band is insignificant, sideband selection seems to  
> be non-operational or mariginally operational.  
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> What I hear is that there is very little opposite sideband rejection and  
> on USB, most of the signal strength is in the wrong sideband.  
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> I wonder if someone might be able to point out what I may have done wrong  
> and offer their suggestions or hints and kinks experiences?  
>  
> Thanks in advance,  
>  
> Roger  
>

If that is a xtal filter, like my memory tells me it is, then you need to make sure you align the IF on the xtal frequency, not the IF freq. The Xtal filters drift as much as 2 khz with age.

You might try checking the IF passband in the narrowest filter position. If the BFO does not zero with the xtal, then you need to realign on the xtal. The BFO could be off, or the IF cans may be off from the xtal filter frequency, or both.

Good Luck.

Bob

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 16:45:15 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 15:11:37 -0600  
Message-Id: <789345806.F00003@leotech>  
From: Peter.Ferrand@leotech.MV.COM (Peter Ferrand)  
Subject: HQ-145X For Sale

Hammarlund HQ-145X for sale:

General coverage HF receiver dating from around 1963 covering .54 to 30 MHz. 9 tubes plus regulator and rectifier; 455 and 3035 KHz IF, sensitivity of 1.75 microvolts for 10 db s/n ratio; crystal filter selectivity adjustable from between .5 and 10 KHz at 6 db down. Double conversion above 10 MHz; crystal controlled first conversion oscillator; tunable notch filter; front panel crystal socket for fixed frequency operation. S-meter; noise limiter; Telechron clock timer. Ship weight of 42 pounds; dimensions 10.5" x 19" x 13" deep. This unit does not include the XC-100P calibrator or the manual. Last amateur price was \$279.95.

Condition is pretty good, though not mint. Most obvious flaw is a 1.5" diagonal crack on the clock face in what would be the 4 O'Clock position on a normal clock. Not structurally significant, i.e., it doesn't flex. One-eighth inch to the right of the clock is a vertical scratch 3/8" long. That's about it for the front panel except for the usual tiny scratches around the aluminum rim. Seven or eight small (inch or so) scratches on top, Sides and bottom are clean. Chassis is very clean inside, with mild rust pitting. Dials are clean and white. Knobs appear to be original. No visible modifications of any kind. Unit works reasonably well, but I would suggest a complete alignment.

My sale price is \$200 plus shipping from Nashua NH.  
I'll ship UPS, COD, or any other method as you prefer.

Call me anytime at (603)889-1067 or e-mail, but I can't check  
E-mail every day.

73 es tn timer,  
-Pete  
WB2QLL

\* Origin: NETIS Public Access Internet (603)432-2517 (1:132/189)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 22:45:16 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 21:15:30 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501060313.AA01918@unlinfo.unl.edu>  
From: djw@unlinfo.unl.edu (daniel wright)  
Subject: HQ-170ac problem

In keeping with the current thread concerning prices,condition,etc.

I have just paid "TOP DOLLAR" for a Hammarlund HQ-170ac. It's a  
slight bit dirty. Some mystery spots on the front panel.....  
Pretty dang good overall physical appearance,I guess...I suppose any  
radio that has not been hermetically sealed for the last 25 years is  
gonna show SOME wear,etc.

Problem with this radio is that after a period of warm up some sort  
of "motorboating" shows up on 160 meters. Sharp "ticks":  
tak-a-tak-a-tak-a-tak-a-tak-a-tak!!!!!! Sort of like a slow OTH  
radar,but it's the receiver that is causing it. Anybody have any  
ideas? The tak-a-tak doesn't show up on any other bands. One of the  
big reasons for buying this little jewel was to get on 160.....SO!  
I could sure use some help if anyone has any HQ-170 hints and kinks  
out here in the cyberboatanchorbahn.....

Thanks es 73 de Dan -- WA0JRD  
djw@unlinfo.unl.edu

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:35:31 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 18:48:56 -0600  
Message-Id: <950104182003\_6982474@aol.com>  
From: WJoew@aol.com  
Subject: Interest in group

I buy, restore and sell old communications receivers. I understand that this group may be of interest to me. How can I get hooked in?

Joe, N5ZYA

wjoew@aol.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 06:51:50 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 22:34:35 -0600  
Message-Id: <15688@w5ddl.aara.org>  
From: n5off@w5ddl.aara.org  
Subject: Let Market Set BA Prices, Period.

See subject.

There are no "guilty" parties. A thing is worth exactly what it will fetch on the market. It doesn't matter if a guy has fifty Springfield rifles or one.

I heard a guy say he had seventy (70) Collins radios. Oh well, I have kids to educate. Darn. Guess what, those BMW's are expensive, too. Those damn Germans, don't they know they should be nicer to me and sell me two or three of those for \$5000 ea. I think that is fair, doesn't everyone??

Got to go now, must decide on whether to pay the mortgage or get that mint 51S-1 :-)

73 de tom

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:29:32 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 21:19:53 -0600  
Message-Id: <950104194418\_71333.144\_DHQ50-4@CompuServe.COM>  
From: don merz <71333.144@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Mags, Books...

Vintage Radio Gear For Sale and Wanted

CONTACT: Don Merz, N3RHT: 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228  
412-234-8819 (weekdays, EST or leave a message anytime).

RADIO MAGAZINES

QST 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979: Complete years: \$8 each

CQ 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92: \$7 per year

73            1962 - 1980 complete. Mint original condition. \$150

#### AMSAT

NEWSLETTER        29 issues covering volume 4, #3 through Volume 11, #4.  
                      (not complete). 1972 - 1979. Several neat extra early AMSAT  
                      promotional brochures. As-new condition. \$20

#### VARIOUS HAM AND WIRELESS LITERATURE, "HB" = HardBack

Sams Tube Substitution Handbook, Vol2. 2, 1961. \$4

Brochure: "Radio, How To Make And Operate." 1922, Goldsmith Publishing  
Company, Cleveland, Ohio. 4" by 5" booklet (60 pages) covering crystal set  
and 1-tube "audion" construction. Really nice. \$27

"Tuning in On A New World" brochure published by Condensite to promote  
their Celoran line of panel materials. It's an introductory kind of  
How-To brochure covering 1 to 5 tube set construction. With schematics.  
Good condition. About 1924. \$14

Kenwood International Users Group Newsletter Volume 1, Number 1 through  
Volume 30 complete. With indexes: \$11

1960-61 Radio Amateur Callbook (U.S.). Cover poor. \$15

1971-72 Foreign Radio Amateur Callbook. Good: \$14

Radio Amateur Callbook Magazine, Winter 1935-36, cover rough. \$18

ICS Radio Operators Handbook, 1924, 1st Edition. HB: \$27

Practical Wireless Telegraphy, Elmer Bucher, 1921, SPARK!, HB: \$41

Servicing Superheterodynes, Rider, HB: \$22

Sams Ham Antenna Construction Projects, 1963, 1st Edition: \$11

World Radio/TV Handbooks, As-new: 1979: \$10

                          1985: \$7

                          1987: \$7

73 Vertical, Beam and Triangle Antennas by Ed Noll, 1970: \$7

CQ-DX Annual. 1948. 1st Edition, 1st Printing. \$13

The Audio Tape Recorder Directory, 1959-1960, fair: \$2

Bell System Technical Journal, Index to Volume 9, 1930: \$3

Rohn Tower Catalog, 1980. Useful reference for buying used towers: \$2

#### WORLD'S FAIR

Official Guide Book To The 1939 New York World's Fair. Excellent  
condition with covers. Make an offer.

#### 11 METERS

Sams Handbook of CB Radio Repair, dated 1961, Sams #CB-1: \$11

- \* Includes schematics, alignment and repair notes for Apelco AR-9, Globe  
CB-100, Gonset G-11 and G-12, Hallicrafters CB-1, Heath CB-1, Lafayette  
HE-15, Morrow CB-1, RCA P2 and P3 and models by Citi-Fone, Regency,  
Radson, Raytheon, U.S.L., Viking and Vocaline.

ARRL PUBLICATIONS            1927 ARRL Handbook. Loose cover. \$66  
                                 1932 ARRL Handbook. Water Damage. \$33  
                                 1956 ARRL "Operating An Amateur Radio Station:" \$3  
                                 1958 ARRL "Operating An Amateur Radio Station:" \$3  
                                 ARRL Antenna Book, 4th Edition, 1946: \$10  
                                 ARRL Hints & Kinks, 1978: \$6  
                                 Fifty Years Of The ARRL, 1981, 1st Edition: \$8

## CATALOGS

### Allied

1963 Supplement. New-in-mailer. \$3

### Laffayette

1948 Laffayette Concord "Christmas Book." Very Good. \$9

### Other Catalogs

Eisemann Brochure; Audio Frequency Amplifying Transformers, small. I'm guessing late-teens or early 20's. \$1

1938 Modells "Electrical Essentials." Catalog. Mostly Appliances.

New-in-mailer. \$16

Swan Color Brochures from 1979. Covers 100MX, 102BX and 150 models. New. \$2

Heath Company "Time Payment Book" cover only. IBM punch-card style. \$1

1957 Grommes (Precision) catalog. Small, B&W. Excellent: \$3

Audels "Trade Books for Mechanics" catalog. About 1950. As-new. \$3

RCA Institutes catalog. 1958. In original mailer. \$4

NRI "How To Reach The Top Jobs In TV" course catalog and sales brochure.

In original mailer. \$3

Newark 1979 catalog. \$6

## BOATANCHOR MANUALS

Collins 75A4 professional photocopy: \$12

Drake TR-3. Excellent. \$16

Hallicrafters HT-12 Manual Photocopy: \$5

Hallicrafters S-40A clean photocopy. \$8

Hallicrafters S-40 good photocopy. \$8

Hallicrafters 5R40 Manual. Original, excellent: \$12

Heathkit HWA-2036-3 Power Supply Assembly Manual. As-new. \$5

Kenwood T599A original manual. \$18

RCA 8516 Marine Receiver manual photocopy: \$9

Swan 250C Manual Photocopy: \$11

## BROADCAST RADIO-TV LITERATURE, SERVICE DATA, TEST GEAR MANUALS

Sears Silvertone Owner's Manual with the following catchy title: "10 tube Superheterodyne With Push-Button Tuning, Recorder and Automatic Record Changer." No model number is given. In original mailing envelope dated February 22, 1945. \$6

Heath TS-1A TV Alignment Generator original manual. Very Early Heath: \$4

Sylvania TV/FM Sweep Signal Generator Type 500 original manual: \$6

Sylvania TV Marker Generator Type 501 original manual: \$6

Mallory 101 UHF TV Converter Original User/Service manual: \$7

Sams Modular Hi-Fi Service Manual Volume 12 (1971) \$3

Sams Photofact Annual Indexes. Each index covers all Sams photofacts, and all Sams publications from photofact #1 in 1946 through the year of the index. \$3 each. Years Available: 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980

Sams (Radio) Photofact number 1: \$27

Sams Photofacts numbers 3, 7, 8, 9: \$9 each

Sams Photofacts numbers 15, 16, 17, 29, 40: \$5 each

GE Television Receiver Service Guide. Large format. Starts with 800-series sets (late 40's). Great "photo-index." \$8

Magnavox Television Schematics/Parts List 1948-1953. Large Format. Photos of all Magnavox sets. Neat. \$8

Alliance Tenna-Rotor Service Manuals:

- 1-- Covers T-10, U-83, K-22, T-12, U-98, T-20, U-100, T-95, C-225: \$4
- 2-- Covers ATR, DIR, HIR, F-4, T-10, U-83, K-22, T-12, U-98: \$4

1971 RCA Reference Book-pocket-size, good: \$3

Instruction book for Sears Silvertone 682 radio/phonograph. As-new. \$3

Knight-kit 5 tube AM radio assembly manual. As-new: \$3

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 13:53:46 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 12:13:38 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105125942.1726F-1000000@access3.digex.net>  
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
Subject: Manual Source and a Caveat

The Manual Man, 27 Walling Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872, 908-238-8934

I haven't ordered from this source, but there's an ad on page 68 in the January 1995 issue of Antique Radio Classified and also page 39 in the December 1994 issue of Electric Radio.

The caveat is for the ad on page 43 in the same ER issue for A.G. Tannenbaum that says "Photofacts..." As I found out a while back, what they sell are not SAMS Photofacts. I knew that there was a SAMS for the HQ-129-X and had thought there may be one for my HQ-140-X. (I already had a manual.) I called and asked and they said they had a "Photofact" for it, but when it came, it turned out to be just a xerox copy of the same manual I had. CAVEAT EMPTOR!

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Jan 6 00:15:36 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 22:47:00 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.ULT.3.91.950105202416.19822A-100000@ohm.elee.calpoly.edu>  
From: Cal Eustaquio <ceustaqu@ohm.elee.calpoly.edu>  
Subject: More stuff for sale

Hello all:

I have more equipment to expunge from the shack. The room seems to get smaller with the inclusion of the equipment so here goes:

- 1) Johnson Invader 2000 w/ power supply. Excellent condition (except for scratch on one side of cabinet). With original manual and all p.s. cables. Even has factory inspection tag. I have used this unit to check in the vintage ssb net on 14.293 mcs. I am effectively the second owner on this rig. Even has factory inspection tag available (factory built unit). \$700
- 2) Heathkit AT-1. Excellent condition. Cabinet is refinished in powdercoat "Storm Grey" krinkle (very close to the original color). Comes with junker parts unit and manual (copy). \$150 (shipped)
- 3) Heathkit HW-101 with p.s. Excellent condition. Has PL-068 type Collins mic connector (changeable back to Amphenol type connector) available. With original manual. \$160.00
- 4) Johnson Thunderbolt. Excellent condx. Haven't fired it up but inspected the insides. No rust, corrosion, etc. With original manual. \$450.00 (you ship this heavy mutha').
- 5) Hallicrafters HT-37. Good condition. Free except you pay shipping on this unit. It works and looks o.k.
- 6) Johnson Matchbox 275 watter with meter (no bridge, tho'). Has been modified with extra S0-239 for coax-to-coax tuning. Everything else is pretty clean. No other mods. \$75.00 (shipped)
- 7) Heathkit HR-10B with original manual. Excellent cosmetic condition. Needs alignment/adjustment. Yours for \$45.00 shipped. If I have to fix it up, \$70.00 (shipped).

8) I'm thinking about getting a bunch of those 25Kohm 50watt resistors w/ slider for my Viking 2 (they seem to come that way with burnt out resistors). The trouble is, Newark electronics asks for a minimum order. Anyone interested in "gang buying a bunch of these" so that the minimum order penalty isn't so painful? (Each resistor is about \$7.00 so let me know).

9) Murch Antenna Tuner (UT-2000). No SWR or antenna switch. Excellent condition also. \$125 (shipped).

If you are interested in any of the units, contact me at my e-mail address. No COD's, please. Cal, N6KYR

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 19:18:11 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 17:48:25 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501052345.AA05749@red-eft.la.ca.us>  
From: "Hugh D. Stegman" <driver8@red-eft.la.ca.us>  
Subject: Re: Musical boatanchors!

I don't have anything specific about groups for organ restoration. The ones I've heard of are the Assn of Theater Organ Enthusiasts and the Organ Historical Society. The first is probably more nuts-and-bolts oriented.

You think old ham radios take up space, try a Mighty Wurlitzer in your home. Yow.

Actually a lot of the skills used in radio restoration carry over into old electronic organs. These guys have some pretty heavy-duty audio gear inside, not to mention weird arrangements to generate tones.

Hugh NV6H

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 06:55:16 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 22:48:40 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501042124.aa28491@jackatak.theporch.com>  
From: firebot1@jackatak.theporch.com (Fire Bottle archive handler)  
Subject: NEED DEAD 4CX1000A

Steve-

> I need a dead 4CX1000A tube for a tube display I'm making up.  
          ^^^^^^

Are you sure? The cermaic tubes are \*MUCH\* smaller than the glass firebottles... a 4-1000A is a MOST impressive tube, whereas the ceramics are more cooling fins than anything else, ya can't see inside, and they look too small to cook with! ;^)

I wish you had asked about 4 months ago. I had a 4-1000A with broken grids... (it was dropped during a move... I cried, and threatened to make a display of it, and my wife, in her best practical way, reminded me of all the projects I have in the queue, and how bloody little time I have for any of them...) it is holding up it's corner of somewhere else, now. <sigh>

> but don't want one that's got big dents in it!  
Neither the ceramics nor the glass "dent", the fins cave in on a ceramic and the bottle breaks on the big'uns... Now, if ya run one hot enuff, the glass will soften and draw in around the electrodes... Makes for great sculpture! ;^)

73

Jack, W4PPT/M (75M SSB 2-letter WAS #1657/#1789 -- both from the mobile! ;^)

Fire Bottle Server (Boat Anchors Get Out and Keep You Warm!)

firebotl@jackatak.theporch.com

Where Old Radios and Fun ... GO TOGETHER!

+-----human interface: root@jackatak.theporch.com-----+

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:33:30 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 05:58:39 -0600

Message-Id: <9501051022.AA30255@asterix.isoft.intranet.gr>

From: "PMD G.SIFAKIS" <pmidsif@isoft.intranet.gr>

Subject: Non-BA (Tektronix) help request

Sorry about the unrelated subject, but I already tried all my other sources and got nowhere. If any of you has a manual of the Tektronix TM500 or TM5000 series of "Modular Instruments", I'd like to know the pinout of the backplane, specifically the power connections. I recently got hold of two plug-ins (FG504 function generator, AM501 op-amp) and would like to power them up and try them. The Generator can be used to align BA receivers, so it is not totally unrelated after all :-).

Thanks in advance.

George SV0KA

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:10:54 1995

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 22:16:21 -0600

Message-Id: <950104193609\_71333.144\_DHQ50-1@CompuServe.COM>

From: don merz <71333.144@compuserve.com>

Subject: Oldies...

Vintage Radio Gear For Sale and Wanted

CONTACT: Don Merz, N3RHT: 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

412-234-8819 (weekdays, EST or leave a message anytime).

## OLDIES FOR THE AFFICIONADO

Hallicrafters S-36A WWII-vintage AM/FM VHF receiver. Complete, unmodified.

Unworking. Dirty but virtually no scratches or marks--this one should clean up to an excellent looking radio. \$119

Gonset Commander Transmitter. Tiny HF AM mobile rig. Crystal controlled, using plug-in coils. Covers 1.7 - 54mhz. Fair to good condition with some wear and scratches all over. Requires external power supply (which I do not have). Manual photocopy and one coil (40 meters) included. \$55

National HRO 60. 1952-vintage AM/CW receiver covering 50khz - 54mhz using plug-in coils. Uses the famous National "PW" mechanical dial for tuning but also has a dial scale. Steel gray finish. This one comes with the standard 4 coils, A, B, C, and D. The paint is good but it has 5 noticable chips on the front and some chips and scratches on the top and sides. It works, but not great. No restoration has been done so I wouldn't run it too long before doing a capacitor replacement job. Includes dial scales for coils A through D too. Manual copy. \$299

National wooden coil case for 3 HRO 60 coils. Strictly for collectors. \$45

Barker & Williamson 5100-B AM/CW transmitter. 1956-vintage AM transmitter with 145 watts of input. Internal VFO. Very stable. TVI-free. This one is gorgeous. Not a mark on the front panel and hardly any anywhere else.

The dial scale is yellowed, but I have a replacement dial for it.

Teriffic transmitter! Near-mint. It works but no restoration has been done. With original manual. \$249

Gonset G-76 HF transciever. 1960-vintage AM transciever covering 80 - 6 meters. Mobile 12 volt or base station operation using external power supplies. Made famous by a series of articles in Electric Radio magazine. This one has obviously been mobile. It has a few scrapes on the front panel paint and many on the cabinet. But it has no mods and still looks very good. Works okay but RX is pretty drifty. Manual copy. \$199

Gonset G-76 AC power supply. Same form factor as G-76 with eagle logo on front left. Lots of case scratches. Front panel is very good. Works well. \$199

Gonset G-28 base station. 10 meter AM/CW trasnmmitter/receiver. RX and TX on separate VFOs. S-meter, squelch, spotting. 48 watts input. This one has a squirelly VFO and lots of wear. Two knobs are wrong. Works. \$69

Clegg Apollo 700 6 meter linear amplififer. 10 watts input delivers 700 watts out. Styled to match Clegg Venus transciever. Uses a pair of 8236 finals (\$29 each at AES). 3 meters cover everything. This one looks good but needs new finals. 50 ohms in and out. \$299 as-is or \$375 with new finals installed.

Abbott DK-3 parts set. This is a pre-war 2-1/2 meter transciever-- apparently the predecessor to the TR-4. I am listing this in the Electric Radio Parts Unit Directory so call me if you can use any parts from this set. Or buy the whole thing for \$16.

Hallicrafters SX-11 receiver. 1936-37 vintage general coverage radio (.535-

40mhz) with crystal filter, mechanical bandspread and tuning eye. Probably among the most collectible Hallicrafters radios today. This one is good shape but front panel has been lightly oversprayed with flat black and wiped off around lettering. The case is excellent. There are no mods that I can see. The dial (often a problem with 30's Hallicrafters sets) is excellent. And it works (some cap replacement has been done but a full restoration is necessary). Rare radio in rare condition. \$289

Geloso G-209-R ham bands receiver, circa 1959. Covers 80-10 meters. One of very few Italian amateur radio products ever made. Front panel is very good or better. Blue/grey hammertone cabinet is good. Perforated grill on top and chassis have some rust spots. All original knobs, paint and meter (glass cracked). Dial face is clear and logo sparkles. Unworking. \$199

RMCA (Radiomarine Corporation of America--RCA afloat) 8021 "Radiotelephone." Pre-war marine radiotelephone transmitter/receiver with 6 crystal-controlled channels. Handset on left, speaker on right. About 26" long, 14" high and 16" deep. Must weigh 80 pounds. Gray wrinkle cabinet with front panel that looks like knurled aluminum (in that pre-war and wartime RCA marine 81xx receiver styling). Obviously designed for a coastal steamer as the 6 channels are marked (on engraved steel tags) "Boston, Miami, New York, Norfolk, Cst Grd, Ship." Lifting the handset keys the transmitter. Covers 2-3mhz. Really unique. Case has some light rust and this thing shows a lot of neglect. Some tubes missing. But unmodified and pretty easily restored. \$189

Hallicrafters S-53 receiver. Famous 50's novice receiver in very good original condition. Good original paint, no unoriginal holes. Working fine. Manual photocopy. Missing one small knob but it would be easy to have a casting made. \$55

Palco "Bantam" mobile HF transceiver. 1956-vintage. Dual-6146's as finals. Probably the most rare HF mobile rig--few were made. With external, bolt-on modulator. Wonderful condition with clean chrome front panels. All original with very few scratches. You don't see these advertised every day. \$249

Gonset Communicator IV VFO covering 6 meters, 2 meters and 220mhz. This is styled to match the Communicator IV, but the instructions tell how to use it with Communicators II, III and IV. Really sharp cosmetically and working. Excellent. \$89

Hallicrafters HT-5G speech amplifier for the HT-4 (BC-610) transmitter. Excellent cosmetic condition. Complete, unmodified, untested. \$109

Meissner 9-1050 Signal Shifter. This is the one with the tuning eye and TV-type rotating coil turret for bandswitching. With FM-X modulator, low-voltage supply and high-voltage supply. Paint on high voltage supply chassis is rough. 'Shifter front panel is excellent but case paint is dull and dirty. This is the most complete 'shifter I've ever seen--the factory power supplies are unfindable at any price. \$83

Meissner 150B Transmitter. 1941-vintage, 150 watt, plate-modulated AM transmitter originally designed for broadcast AM radio station use but drafted by the Signal Corps for the duration. CW too. Covers 1500khz

through 12mhz. Uses Meissner Signal Shifter VFO and plug-in coils. This one includes two Signal Shifters, one complete set of coils and a few extras and a manual photocopy. Formerly owned by the Chief Engineer of W1AW, the transmitter has been modified for improved audio. It has several unoriginal 3/8" holes in the 1/8" thick steel front panel. It measures 40"w x 18"h x 20"d and weighs just over 250 pounds. It is not modular and could only be shipped at great expense. \$219

Jewell Electrical Thermocouple RF Ammeter, 0 - 3 Amps. Some marks on meter face. \$6

Gonset Communicator III (2 meters). Cream with blue knobs. In just fair condition--lots of wear. No mods. \$33

WRL Galaxy 300 SSB Transciever. Made back when transievers had STYLE, this radio is a gorgeous combination of gold painted cabinets, black trim and anodized gold front panel with black knobs with gold inserts. The radio covers 80/75-40-20 meters and delivers 300 watts PEP output from a set of 6HF5 sweep tube finals. This one comes with the scarce matching PSA-300 station console that includes the power supply, mechanical digital clock and speaker in one cabinet--color and size-matched to the transciever. Made in 1963, this one is in excellent looking condition and very good operating condition. With original manual. \$159

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:00:33 1995

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 22:23:49 -0600

Message-Id: <m0rPcxy-000KmhC@aupair.cs.athabascau.ca>

From: tech@cs.athabascau.ca (Richard Loken)

Subject: Phone number for B&W coax switches??

Anybody have it handy?

I thought I didn't want any but I found somebody to help pay for them:)

Richard Loken VE6BSV, Systems Programmer - VMS : "...underneath those  
Athabasca University : tuques we wear, our heads  
Athabasca, Alberta Canada : are naked!"  
\*\* tech@cs.athabascau.ca \*\* : - Aurthor Black

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 11:58:40 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 10:27:01 -0600

Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501050815.A17842-01000000@netcom2>

From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>

Subject: Re: Phone number for B&W coax switches??

On Wed, 4 Jan 1995, Richard Loken wrote:

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> \*\* tech@cs.athabascau.ca \*\* : - Aurthor Black  
>

The phone number for H&R for the switches is (215) 788-5583.

73  
Paul WA60KQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 14:39:33 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 12:28:42 -0600  
Message-Id: <CCMAIL.0093373.481625100095005FCCMAIL@EMIS.HAC.COM>  
From: "James C Reid" <0093373@CCMAIL.EMIS.HAC.COM>  
Subject: Plastic molds

All this talk about plastic forming has got me thinking. When designing a vacuum mold, is it better to suck the plastic over the mold or would it be better to design the mold so the plastic is pulled down inside it? Any idea how many holes per sq. in. would be required to get an adequate pull down? I've got the vacuum pump and related items, but I've never messed with any plastics before. Got any plastics engineers out there?

-Jim

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 18:08:22 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 16:36:03 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501051433.ZM17605@mechcad3.esd.sgi.com>  
From: "Mark Glusker" <glusk@mechcad3.esd.sgi.com>  
Subject: Re: Plastic molds

On Jan 5, 12:27pm, James C Reid wrote:  
> Subject: Plastic molds

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> over the mold or would it be better to design the mold so the plastic  
> is pulled down inside it?

Assuming you are molding a dial cover (roughly dome shaped) I would suck

the plastic over the mold. Based on my (limited) experience, you would make a dome-shaped wooden buck and mount it on a flat piece of wood. By drilling holes at the sharp corner where the buck meets the flat surface, you will pull the plastic gently over the buck. Depending on the shape you are making, these holes may be sufficient. The holes pull on the part of the plastic you will be trimming away, leaving the surface of the dial cover relatively free of imperfections.

If you try to make a mold so the plastic is pulled down inside it, you will need to drill holes on the dome shaped surface, adding extra holes by trial and error until you get the plastic to conform to the shape.

Considering that the hot plastic may pick up any details on the surface it touches, this method may give you small dots on the surface of the dial cover.

Look for the Modern Plastics Encyclopedia (Modern Plastics is a trade journal) at your library. They have a great (brief) overview of different plastics and processing techniques

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:28:13 1995

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 19:45:53 -0600

Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950104144752.15889B-100000@access1.digex.net>

From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>

Subject: Re: Prices

On Wed, 4 Jan 1995, QUACK wrote:

> I value a 390A between 150 and 200 in good condition; no more no less.

Gee thanks Ron. That makes me feel good about paying \$300 for my Motorola and then investing another \$390 to have it rebuilt. :^)

But seriously, I doubt that you'll find one that's good for anything but parts for less than \$200 unless the seller doesn't know what they're going for. Motorola and Collins made ones in decent condition are going for over \$250. My Motorola was exceptionally clean and was mechanically complete when I got it, but had seen a lot of hours of service and needed a thorough alignment. A good many components had to be replaced to bring it back to full specifications.

No Ron, while I know that I'll never get my money back out of it, I have a fine receiver that fulfilled a "want" I've had since I first encountered the R-390 series during my Army back in the early 1960's. It will most assuredly give me a good many years of service. As for spending that much money for the rebuild, I spent almost that to have my Toshiba big-screen

TV repaired when the logic board failed and I feel a lot better about giving the money to a one-man specialty business than the polyester mega-consumer electronics place that fixed the TV.

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:31:42 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 19:21:00 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950104150507.15889C-1000000@access1.digex.net>  
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
Subject: Re: Prices

All this discussion about prices being too high reminded me of a guy that I talked regarding a non-BA Yellow Sheet advertisement who told me that he recently sold a Globe King 500C that he bought new for \$50. With those jobbies going for at least ten times that much, just what kind of pal do you suppose the guy who bought it was? Being critical and saying "no" a too-high price is one thing, but how about saying "yes" to a too low price? Shouldn't "fair price" be a two way street?

From boatanchors@theporch.com Fri Jan 6 00:14:03 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 22:44:44 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950106153922.1206B-1000000@eram.esi.com.au>  
From: Dave Horsfall <dave@esi.COM.AU>  
Subject: Re: Prices

> In sharp contrast to what you did, I know of an instance told to me by the  
> widow of a local ham died where another ham swooped in before the Widows  
> Assistance Program got to her and offered \$300 to "take all that stuff off  
> (her) hands" at about 10 cents on the dollar even at bargain basement  
> market value.

You've got vultures too, eh? Nice to know we're not alone :-( One of the slimeballs actually bragged on the local repeater that he'd picked up a TS-820 or similar for \$50, simply because the widow had no idea how much it was worth (and probably hated it anyway) and the creature told her it was junk... The local branch of the WIA here tries to find out about "Deceased Estates" and advises the widow(er) on a realistic price for the stuff. One old chap knew his time was nigh, and actually invited someone from the Office to come down and pull his shack apart, and get a good price for it as the next "Trash and Treasure" sale.

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Dave Horsfall (VK2KFU) | dave@esi.com.au | VK2KFU @ VK2AAB.NSW.AUS.OC | PGP 2.6  
Opinions expressed are mine. | E7 FE 97 88 E5 02 3C AE 9C 8C 54 5B 9A D4 A0 CD

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 19:54:46 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 18:23:24 -0600  
Message-Id: <"d09CiP'0000000000\*"@MHS>  
From: RICHARD\_HUMPHREY@hp5200.desk.hp.com  
Subject: Prices/The Herd

The thread on prices has gone interesting places. I guess I agree that it's still a buyer and a seller in a free market that's the best way to go. Just know what you're shopping for and say no to lousy deals. Just read Tony's (K4KY0) note about the 'Signal Corps'. Do I hear a herd heading for the credit cards? Those prices! Somebody must be sniffing too much MFP! I bought a BC-348R two years ago at Foothill. OK, so I too wanted a piece of history in the shack. This one is missing the ID plate and had been 'converted'. The seller asked \$80, I said \$40, he said OK, I said 'nuts, more junk to fill up the garage'. Somebody told me I paid too much because it wasn't original. No way am I paying \$240 for a new-in-box set. You can take it with you to your grave for that price!

Anyway, I just bought an ID plate from somebody with a junker in ER, and the mods aren't too awful, so I will fix it and consider myself \$200 ahead of the game. It will also mean a lot more to me since I will have had a hand in bringing it back to life.

Is this lunacy because we're coming up on the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII? Will this stuff be back down to \$40 when the 55th rolls around and everyone's forgotten what the big deal was?

Richard  
N6NAE

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 21:04:12 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 19:33:32 -0600  
Message-Id: <16595@w5ddl.aara.org>  
From: n5off@w5ddl.aara.org  
Subject: R-390A Users Survey, pls respond.

As I mentioned in an earlier post, I am compiling census of R-390A's owned by the BA list readers.

I plan to poll the BA'ers about once a week for a month, or until I've gotten all input from you that I'm gonna get.

After the input is in, I will post the results to the list, and hopefully Terry will have new info on contracts and numbers.

So, if you own one or more R-390A's, please go take a peek at

it (them) and then reply to me with this information.

- 1) maker (EAC, Motorola, etc)
- 2) contract number (63-PH-54 for ex)
- 3) serial number of the frame (front tag)
- 4) any unusual features (dynamotor, frequency shield, etc)

Reply here, and thanks,

de tom n5off%w5ddl.aara.org@usl.edu

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:20:59 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 22:08:05 -0600  
Message-Id: <199501042321.PAA12902@ix2.ix.netcom.com>  
From: jlockwd@ix.netcom.com (Jim Lockwood)  
Subject: Re: Ramblings

You wrote:

>One local guy I bought a BA from took me in and proudly showed me his  
>collection of antique radios and referred to them as his retirement  
fund.

It's awfully hard to imagine prices going so high that someone could seriously think she/he could cash in his chips someday and live The Good Life. At today's rates a reasonable old BA will fetch what, about a weeks worth of groceries?

>As for multiple items, it could  
>well be that the collector has a special fondness for a particular item  
>and specializes in them.

As a victim of this variant on radio collecting insanity, I can attest to the truth of this comment. For some reason, it's hard for me to walk past an SX-100.....

Jim - km6nk

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:04:07 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 05:31:31 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501042338.C6436-0100000@cyclone>  
From: Mark Shaum <mshaum@xnet.com>  
Subject: Re: Ranger II/7027A mods?

On Thu, 29 Dec 1994, Thomas Clarke wrote:

> Chris KA8WFC Wrote:

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> >Does anyone know of mods for a Ranger II to change the modulator tube

>

> >requirements? The original is a 7027A which is hard to find and

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>

> Over in rec.audio.tech they claim a Russian 5881s are beefed up and

> close to a 7027 in specs. The pin outs are almost identical:

>

> Pin    5881/6L6GC      7027

> 1      NC              G2

> 2      H                H

> 3      P                P

> 4      G2               G2

> 5      G1               G1

> 6      NC               G1

> 7      H                H

> 8      K,G3            K,G3

>

> Thus you should be able to plug a 5881 right in, check the bias and go

> if 1/4 and 5/6 are jumpered. Conceivably it might be wired wrong,

> G2 to 1 only and/or G1 to 6 only, but a jumper should fix this.

>

One warning here, in my Ranger I some of the unused socket lugs for the 1614's were used as tie points for one end of the 100 ohm screen resistors. Pin 6. Having that screen voltage applied to the control grid would be kinda nasty..

73! Mark, NE9G

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:04:23 1995

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 05:32:03 -0600

Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501042313.B6436-0100000@cyclone>

From: Mark Shaum <mshaum@xnet.com>

Subject: Re: Ranger II/7027A mods?

On Wed, 28 Dec 1994 X90GALBRAIT1@wmich.edu wrote:

> Does anyone know of mods for a Ranger II to change the modulator tube

> requirements? The original is a 7027A which is hard to find and  
> expensive when it turns up. I've heard that one variety of 6L6xx can be  
> used, but do not know specifics. Does this require a socket  
> change/rewiring, etc..? Anyone know of another way-or have some 7027As  
> for sale :) Neat looking rig, eh?

>

I have a Ranger I, and would imagine that the modulator is pretty much the same in the II. The original tubes in mine are 1614's, and since they are getting pricy and I don't have spares (and this rig is in pretty much daily use) I plugged in a set of 6L6's (G/GA/GB doesn't really matter) and they play nicely. To do it right would require adjusting the screen voltage and grid bias a bit but this isn't really required. Other beam tetrodes more designed for audio output stages with appropriate pinouts might be the 6550, 6CA7 and 8417. The original 1614's work nicely in that the modulator just about reaches its limits by plate saturation at about 35 watts output, which limits the amount of accidental overmodulation possible with too much audio gain cranked in.

Hope this helps out - 73! Mark, NE9G

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 12:43:24 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 11:11:27 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501051738.AA102776@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>  
From: rdkeys@csemail  
Subject: Re: RBM Manual

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> I am VERY embarassed to say that someone on this list was kind enough to  
> lend me an RBM-5 manual to copy and I did so...but now I don't know who  
> to return the manual to. Please stand up and be counted so I may return your  
> manual with my thanks.

>

I doubt it was me, because I have the LF RX of the RBM and I would love to have a schematic to the beast so I could figure out how to get power into it and maybe a page with the alignment points for the RF and IF.

Bob/NA4G  
rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 13:39:22 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 12:03:28 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105123936.1726D-100000@access3.digex.net>  
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
Subject: Re: Re: Prices

On Thu, 5 Jan 1995, Rick\_Blank wrote:

> In message <Pine.SUN.3.91.950104150507.15889C-100000@access1.digex.net>  
rstalls@access.digex.net writes:  
> > All this discussion about prices being too high reminded me of a guy that  
> > I talked regarding a non-BA Yellow Sheet advertisement who told me that he  
> > recently sold a Globe King 500C that he bought new for \$50. With those  
> > jobbies going for at least ten times that much, just what kind of pal do  
> > you suppose the guy who bought it was? Being critical and saying "no" a  
> > too-high price is one thing, but how about saying "yes" to a too low  
> > price? Shouldn't "fair price" be a two way street?  
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> At a hamfest last year I paid a guy \$50 for a complete  
> Collins CP-1 crystal pack when he was asking only \$25....  
> he was ecstatic and I was real happy and I felt OK with my self! I  
> even told him that it was worth more and he appreciated my honesty  
> and we were both happy.

Hi Rick!

Good for you! Ain't it good to be able to sleep at night?

In sharp contrast to what you did, I know of an instance told to me by the widow of a local ham died where another ham swooped in before the Widows Assistance Program got to her and offered \$300 to "take all that stuff off (her) hands" at about 10 cents on the dollar even at bargain basement market value. I put Neil Lawton (Radio Recyclers) in touch with her and he gave her an offer with what he would pay wholesale and also let her know what he would ask for it.

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 18:37:50 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 17:07:25 -0600  
Message-Id: <1001@ki5sl.ampr.org>  
From: ki5sl@ki5sl.ampr.org (Rick\_Blank)  
Subject: Re: Re: Prices

In message <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105123936.1726D-100000@access3.digex.net>

rstalls@access.digex.net writes:

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> Tony

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better!

Rick Blank, KI5SL  
ki5sl@sat.ampr.org  
2223 Blanco Road  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 19:30:31 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 17:59:47 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105184948.25534D-100000@access4.digex.net>  
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
Subject: Re: Re: Prices

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> extreme advantage of the bereaved....I guess my mama raised me  
> better!

Hi Rick,

I someone sells to a dealer, they know up front that they're not going to get "retail" for it. Neil was good about it and told her both what he was offering and what she could get for it if she decided to sell it herself.

As a footnote to the story, I later found out that I knew the weasel that tried to snooker the widow. I turned out that he was a "friend" of the SK and took further advantage of her by pretending concern. The guy will never be invited to my house again, but if he shows up here with any of our mutual friends, you can be sure that when he leaves I'll (1) count my fingers, and (2) make sure the silverware is still in the safe.

73,

Tony

K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:43:13 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 13:28:25 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950104122429.3440A-100000@ncrsun7>  
From: Kevin Anderson <anderson@ncrsun7.ncr.usace.army.mil>  
Subject: scanned images of BC-348, etc. ??

Hey BA group,

I have the urging to have a scanned image/picture of a BC-348 front panel. I have in mind here something fairly big and detailed that I can print out on our postscript panel and put up on my cubicle wall along with my pictures of airplanes (B-17, B-25, Mustang, Hurricane, and AT-6 Texan/Harvard). Other radios of the 1940's and early 1950's most certainly welcome as well!

Any scanned pictures front panels out there? Cheers/73. kevin

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the Federal Government.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 18:27:22 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 16:55:49 -0600  
Message-Id: <MAILQUEUE-101.950105165322.384@vilas.uwex.edu>  
From: "Terry O'Laughlin" <OLAUGHLIN@vilas.uwex.edu>  
Subject: Re: Screening panels.

> From: X90GALBRAIT1@wmich.edu

> I'm speaking from 50% experience and 50% word of mouth-I've done  
> t-shirts, but no panels-yet.

I built some custom equalizing phono preamps for a friend who remasters 78rpm records and I wanted to spruce them up with custom panels. I went to a friend who does T-shirts for a living. It took several tries to get a good job. The biggest problem is that T-shirts absorb a certain amount of the paint and the aluminum panels do not, i.e. the margin for error is much narrower. The trick was to apply less paint atop the screen and spread it uniformly along the

length. The aluminum doesn't "give" like the T-shirts, so you also have to exert slightly less pressure on the squeegee so the paint doesn't spread under the screen.

73s Terry O' WB9GVB

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:14:34 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 05:38:14 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.ULT.3.91.950104225916.16821B-1000000@ohm.elee.calpoly.edu>  
From: Cal Eustaquio <ceustaqu@ohm.elee.calpoly.edu>  
Subject: silkscreening

Hello all:

Recently I posted a message concerning making a silkscreen master using very time and labor intensive techniques. And, I described using lettering cut out from laser printouts received from a local printout (again using fonts supplied by word which was indeed very close to the original script put out by WRL). Someone recently wrote about not using fonts from a computer to replace worn lettering on the original front panel because "it would be akin to replacing the knobs on the equipment that were non-original." Oh? For those who have "concour de elegance" museum restoration demands, perhaps this would be appropo. However, please look at the back issue in Electric Radio on silkscreening written by Ron Eisenbrey. If you look closely at the HQ-129 panel before and after the restoration, you will note that the script generated by the computer is not the same as the one that Hammarlund originally screened. But to those of you who would like a restored front panel, is that new panel with non-original computer generated lettering appropriate? I think so and that 129 would find a home in my shack. If possible, I would like to replace all defective components (paint and lettering) to original specs but a near match would certainly be acceptable to me (and possibly, the majority of you). If you are more of a user (like myself) and enjoy using your equipment with a clean near to exact stock appearance, then go ahead and enjoy. I am doing that right now for my Globe King and encourage those with limited resources to do the same. Museum level restoration is great for those ravenous collectors who desire to lock up there stuff in vaults and/or show off to the rest of the world their treasures. But I think that in the spirit of ham radio, near/close to stock is perfectly fine. And on rub-on-lettering? As I have said before. Personal experience lends me to believe that properly applied lettering is perfectly acceptable (except again for those self-same revenous collector/restorers). Don't let the pundits deter you but rebuild/restore as your skills allow. The final product and how you judge the end result should be your standard! Cal, N6KYR.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 09:10:11 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 07:36:06 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950105081552.17777C-1000000@access4.digex.net>

From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
Subject: Re: silkscreening

On Thu, 5 Jan 1995, Cal Eustaquio wrote:

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> panel because "it would be akin to replacing the knobs on the equipment  
> that were non-original." Oh? For those who have "concour de elegance"  
> museum restoration demands, perhaps this would be appropo.

Hello Cal,

The point you made reminds me of a sweat shirt I saw the other day. It says "Does anal retentive have a hyphen?" To folks who appreciate that point, close only counts with hand grenades and horse shoes.

Applying gun collecting standards I've used forever, unless something is pretty rough, a clean-up is far more preferable to refinishing. If it gets to the point that I think refinishing is justified (guns, radios, or anything else), it's has to be pretty rough and approaching being worthless. When it's repainted, it's no longer in original condition anyway, so a minor variation in the font is perfectly acceptable. In fact I beleive that it's preferred so that a potential buyier somewhere down the road will have a positive indicator that it's a re-do.

In a parallel instance, when the Smithsonian fabricates a part in a restoration, it is clearly marked as such. I think that repainted (restored) panels should be so marked too. After all, a counterfeit by any other name is still a fake.

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 18:35:08 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 17:04:47 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501052303.AA00975@geech.gnu.ai.mit.edu>  
From: "Stephen M. Linscott" <LINSBOT@RICEVM1.RICE.EDU>  
Subject: Re: Stancor transmitter

On Sun, 1 Jan 1995 12:49:15 -0600 you said:

>Anyone have a 1937 Stancor annual that you would be willing to copy?  
>Someone gave me a Stancor 48C (see picture on page 106 of June, 1937 QST)  
>and I'd like to find coil information. It has a 47 crystal osc, 802  
>buffer/doubler, and PP 802 output. Also looking for a book on a Stancor  
>10P, which is a later rig. Thanks in advance.  
>

Bill, I have the Third Edition(1937) and the Fifth Edition(1940) of the Stancor Hamanual, and neither has the 48C. The 1940 does have the 10P. Perhaps another Anchorite can help you. I can send you a copy of the 10P section of the manual, if you want it.

- Steve -

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*   Steve Linscott      W5EGP           *
*   IS User Services    *
*   Rice University     Houston, Texas  *
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:26:35 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 20:03:19 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950104142303.15889A-1000000@access1.digex.net>  
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
Subject: RE: SX-62A for sale

On Wed, 4 Jan 1995, Joe Reda/HQ/3Com wrote:

If you'll allow my playing the devil's advocate...

> I don't like ads that say, "best offer", "serious offers only", "taking  
> bids until xxxxxxx" (what is this, a construction project?); and I don't  
> respond to 'em no matter how much I want the gear.

There are those who are obviously trying to squeeze ever cent out, but how about those people who have no idea what to ask for something? How about something that's indeed unique like some serial #1 items that have shown up? If I have a rare or otherwise exceptional item, why should I price it at an average market value when the person I sell it to may only take advantage of a bargain and get top dollar somewhere else?

There's another reason why to price something high and I've done it myself. When I have something that in my heart that I don't really want to part with, I put it out there looking for somebody that appreciates

whatever it is more than me. That way, I know it's going to a good home.

Anyway, the bottom line is that you can always say "no"...

Finally, and speaking of bargains, I just received Sam Hevener's "The Signal Corps" catalogue and here are a few sample prices:

Full ARC-5 command set w/racks, etc.	\$ 695.00
Lionel J-38 key, new in the box	75.00
BC-348 w/o dynamotor	240.00
BC-312	250.00
Norden bombsight	1600.00
SCR-506 vehicle radio set	1300.00
ART-13 good to exec.	155.00
SCR-508 tank radio	475.00
BC-375 w/6 tuning units	475.00

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:10:03 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 22:28:35 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501042119.AA28986@london.oh.tekelec.com>  
From: lstolz@tekelec.com (Lynn Stolz)  
Subject: RE: The Drake List

Here is my 2 cents worth regarding the Drake list:

- 2-AC 100 Kc calibrator option for the 2-A, 2-B, and 2-C receivers
- 2-LF LW converter for the 2-B, I never personally saw one, but I believe it plugged into the Noise blanker socket. Anybody remember?
- 2-NB 455 Kc Noise blanker for the 2-X receivers..Bill Frost @ Drake said he used an electric razor to align it! Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz.
- 2-CS matching speaker for the 2-C receiver. Same size cabinet as the 2-CQ.

The R-4C in my opinion had THREE generations.

The first generation was the one that had the CW1 and CW2 positions and the AM filter could be installed externally in the back of the receiver instead of inside. The receiver also had a solid-state mixer vs hollow-state. This was for serial numbers up to around 18,000.

The second generation of R-4C added the 1.5 .5 and .25 filter positions on the front panel and moved the location for the AM filter from the back to inside. It also eliminated the solid-state mixer (poor dynamic range) and used all

6HS6's for the mixer tubes. This was for serial numbers around 18000-21000.

The third generation of R-4C uses 6EJ7 mixers. I heard the rumor that it was primarily because 6HS6's were becoming scarce (Try finding them now!).

The ML-2 (Marker Luxury 2) used a 6360 tube in the final.

There was a 34NB noise blanker before the 34PNB noise blanker for the TR-4. It was hardwired into the transceiver. the TR-4 that had it was 699.95 vs 599.95 as was the customary price for the TR-4. Drake later made the noise blanker a Plug-in option--the 34PNB. Early TR-4s did not have the little noise blanker switch in the lower right-hand corner of the front panel.

Real early Tr-4's had Crystal filters with a much wider shape factor than the later models that had the 2:1 6dB/60dB filters.

There was also a fixed-frequency module for the TR-4s. I think it was called the 4-FNB or something like that. It plugged into the TR-4 underneath the transceiver. It would allow the user to run their transceiver under crystal control!

There are 3 generations of the TR-4C.

The TR-4C, the TR-4Cw, and the TR-4Cw/RIT.

NOTE that the 'w' is always lower-case.

There was also the AA-22 two-meter FM amplifier. Designed for use with the TR-22 series 2M Transceiver. It had a receiver preamp built-in and was rated for 22 Watts output.

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Lynn Stolz N8AJ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:38:41 1995

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 13:27:29 -0600

Message-Id: <9501041926.AA14600@wrdis01.robins.af.mil>

From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (Larry Keith )

Subject: The Drake List, Version 6

Thanks to Andy Wallace and Rick Blank as well as a little research by yours truly, version 6 of the Drake List is now available. If you would like a copy e-mailed to you, just send me a message at the address below.

If the gremlins don't catch up with me, I hope to do at least one update per month in 1995... (We all have to have one New Year's resolution...8-)...)

73,

Larry Keith, KQ4BY  
lakeith@robins.af.mil

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 07:10:56 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 05:34:48 -0600  
Message-Id: <950105105113\_72227.1640\_DHW20-1@CompuServe.COM>  
From: David Stinson AB5S/7 <72227.1640@compuserve.com>  
Subject: The Madness of Crowds

Concerning the high prices of BA's:

1. We are in the midst of a speculative mania for old radios. This bubble is no different than any other speculative bubble. There is a limited supply of buyers with a finite amount of BA cash. Most are WWII or Baby-Boomer era people. Only a very few are young. When these people are no longer able to buy (read die, go broke), demand will collapse, followed by prices.
2. Rigs are worth just exactly what someone will pay for them. However, in a specualtive mania, the priciple of "The Greater Fool" is at work. People who are "missing a great investment" rush to get "in on the action." Sooner or later you find the last fool to pay the last markup before people yell "enough!".
3. Probably the most important factor in the BA price spiral: Alot of hams are reaching retirement age and discovering that they haven't saved enough and are going to have to eat alot of beans and weinies. They look at their old BAs to bail them out. As long as there are "Greater Fools" flocking to them, it will work. But the clock is running.

Manias in collectables have come and gone for centuries and the one in BAs will be no exception. Personally, I don't think they're worth a toot as a long term investment (although there's short-term money to be made), since the customers are literally "dying-out." Look at the poor JA slob who bought VanGoughs for \$58 mill and now can't get \$10 mill for them.

I make a large chunk of my living in investments, and I can personally recommend only one reason for buying collectables: A personal love of them. I buy Command Sets. They made millions of them, but I've love them since childhood. Yet there are guys out there holding on to BC453 receivers (production over 500 THOUSAND) and asking \$120 for them. This is Mania, folks. Only the lovers of the heavy metal will be left.

73 DE AB5S/7 Dave Stinson

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 13:20:10 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 11:06:52 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501051659.AA6669@hqsmtp.ops.3com.com>  
From: Joe Reda/HQ/3Com <Joe\_Reda@3mail.3Com.COM>  
Subject: Re: The Madness of Crowds

David says:

<snip>

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> 73 DE AB5S/7 Dave Stinson

His entire message made sense but I particularly agreed with the above point. Things have gotten to the point that you can write up the most ubiquitous receiver in Electric Radio, and then sit back and watch the price go through the roof.

Oh well . . .

\\Joe KC6TXU

(Owner of a Highly Rare and Collectible Hard-to-Find Shortwave World-Band All-Wave Radio: the famous and sought-after Hallicrafters S-38! Prized by Collectors the World Over! Yours for only \$3500 - a Real Bargain!!) :)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 20:17:22 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 18:47:36 -0600

Message-Id: <950105194552\_8044938@aol.com>  
From: Scgilstrap@aol.com  
Subject: Re: The Madness of Crowds

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>era people. Only a very few are young.  
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Hey ... wait a minute here!!! I'm a Baby-Boomer, the first of the  
crop too, and I'm only 48. What's this dying-out business? Oh  
hell, better cash in the boatanchors ma, they're raising the rent  
at the old folks home! ;-)

Whew, this is a pretty gruesome scenario. I guess that you poor  
bastards won't have cheap boatanchors until they pry my cold  
dead fingers off my R-390A. ;-) And anyway, I'm going to put in  
my will to have it bronzed as a memento of the glorious days of  
boatanchors.

Well, the latest copy of ham-trader just came in so I think I'll see  
who's got a boatanchor for sale and call 'em up and offer them  
3 times their asking price. (There's no fool like an 'old' fool.)  
Happy shopping everyone! ;-)

73

Stan - WB5LBH (don't look for me in the silent keys column yet)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Thu Jan 5 20:16:29 1995  
Date: Thu, 5 Jan 1995 18:46:20 -0600  
Message-Id: <MAILQUEUE-101.950105184216.448@vilas.uwex.edu>  
From: "Terry O'Laughlin" <OLAUGHLIN@vilas.uwex.edu>  
Subject: Trading Collins stuff away

To fuel my fetish for weird equipment, I'm willing to swap my Collins  
gear for stuff by Communications Electronics, Inc and Watkins-  
Johnson. I have a couple R-390As, an R-392, an R-388 and some other  
odds and ends. I'm mainly looking for a CEI RS-111 and DRO-333 or  
WJ-8737 and WJ-8888, but I'll consider many others, particularly any  
CEI or WJ gear in the 250-1000mHz range that has COR and squelch  
options. I'm especially fond of the rigs loaded with nuvistors  
(You don't have to have glass bootles to be a BA).

73s Terry O' WB9GVB